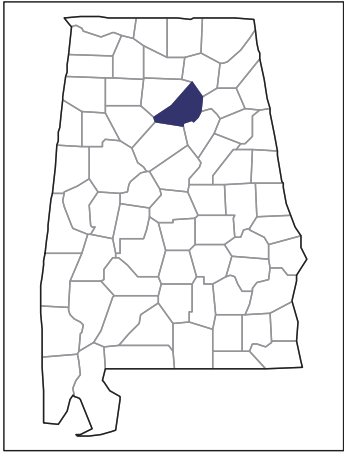


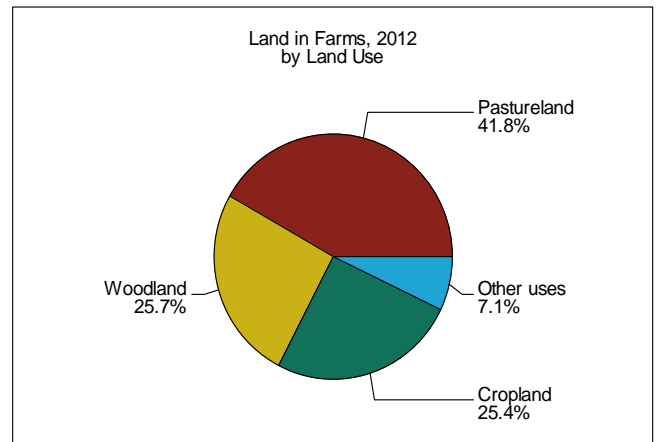
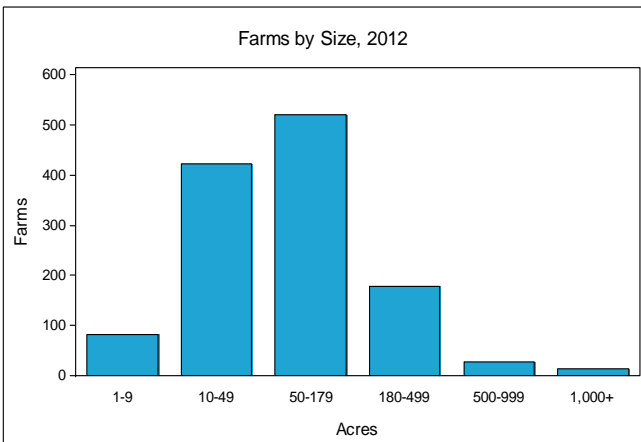
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Blount County Alabama

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,241	1,414	- 12
Land in Farms	146,189 acres	151,282 acres	- 3
Average Size of Farm	118 acres	107 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$178,191,000	\$160,244,000	+ 11
Crop Sales \$12,428,000 (7 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$165,762,000 (93 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$143,586	\$113,327	+ 27
Government Payments	\$897,000	\$583,000	+ 54
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,785	\$2,700	+ 40





Blount County – Alabama

Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	178,191	7	67	648	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,428	30	67	1,984	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	165,762	5	67	228	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,369	31	67	2,004	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	1	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	1,203	35	51	413	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,116	4	67	366	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	625	10	66	627	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	709	33	62	1,207	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	34	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,406	23	67	1,179	3,049
Poultry and eggs	153,682	5	67	60	3,013
Cattle and calves	11,721	6	67	1,199	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	24	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	28	14	55	1,659	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	65	28	67	1,716	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	218	17	67	1,176	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	49	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	49	25	64	1,445	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,170	10	67	910	3,057
Soybeans for beans	2,262	28	65	1,492	2,162
Cotton, all	1,381	38	51	456	635
Upland cotton	1,381	38	51	456	635
Corn for grain	1,360	36	67	1,819	2,638
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	9,183,549	5	67	39	2,723
Layers	250,208	10	67	235	3,040
Quail	(D)	2	40	10	944
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	20	63	353	2,637
Cattle and calves	33,675	8	67	853	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	326	Farming	605
\$1,000 to \$2,499	144	Other	636
\$2,500 to \$4,999	135		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	172	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	148	Male	1,102
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Female	139
\$25,000 to \$39,999	63		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	48		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	19
\$500,000 or more	119	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	150,528	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	121,296	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,802
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,328	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	24,439	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	15

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.